

Kickers Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
First Weber Realty
5:30 P.M.

Present:

Marcia Bruns	Larrie Hayes	Karen Stashek (*amended)
Renee Fischer	Lisa Kubis	Nate Weidman
Debbie Hagedorn	Ron Rasmussen	Kirk Willard

Meeting called to order at 5:36 by Ron Rasmussen. Motion to approve minutes made by Kirk W. This was seconded by Lisa K. No discussion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Larrie Hayes dispersed and discussed current budget (from October 31 to January 31). Larrie discussed fundraiser revenue, and Lisa K. shared that she experienced great confusion in the process—determining which members opted for the buyout and which did not. Lisa shared the need to be told who did/did not participate so that she can collect fees. A motion to approve the annual budget was made by Nate, seconded by Kirk. No discussion, motion carried. A motion to accept treasurer's report made by Deb, seconded by Kirk. No discussion. Motion carried.

Registrar's Report:

Lisa K. shared that two new girls recently joined teams—U-12 and u-13. She also shared that uniform sizing went smoothly. The board discussed inviting Melissa Call to the meeting when the selection of new uniforms is discussed. Both Melissa and Jason Wardour will be contacted to determine who is interested in heading up the search for new uniforms. Sandi Schultze has been signing Kickers' teams up for tournaments. Cara Christy suggested to a board member the idea of her conducting a meeting for team managers, providing information about the duties and responsibilities of this role. The board agreed this was a good idea. Kurt will hold a coaches' meeting in March, managers will be invited, and Cara and Renee will host a question/answer session for team managers. Karen S. will also attend the meeting to inform coaches and managers about referees.

Director of Referees' Report:

Karen Stashek shared that on April 2, a clinic for new referees will be held at Riverview. She explained that if new referees agree to ref the five Saturdays for rec. soccer, their clinic will be paid for; a total of—\$90. Prospective referees must sign up online and pass an online portion prior to attending the clinic. The clinic will last from 9-3:30, and a ref must be 14 by June to ref for U-11 and older this season.

League Report:

Karen S. shared that we currently have 15 teams in league play. The league will probably run from May 14-July 21. U-10s, 11s, and 12s will play mostly weekends in May. Girl league games will most likely remain on Mondays and Wednesdays, and boys will be held on

Tuesdays and Thursdays. Coaches will soon get an email about blackout dates. March 16 will be the first league meeting of the season to begin creating a schedule. Kirk will be attending the league meeting on March 19 in Wausau. Karen also shared that an E clinic will be held in Wausau on April 16. Karen shared that coaches and assistants who aren't licensed won't have their rosters approved.

Director of Coaching Report:

Kirk W. shared that a coaches meeting will be held in March. The items mentioned earlier would be addressed at this meeting.

Director of Tournament Report

Renee F. shared that she is busy working on tournament details, but that she has been having difficulty getting in touch with Jackie to plan and coordinate. She shared that a marketing meeting was held at Cravings on February 11 where those who attended were given sections of the state in which to research and contact prospective teams to attend the Kickers' tournament. These conversations will be documented. Many details have yet to be attended to. Chris Yustus is still listed as the contact person for Got Soccer. This must be updated. Renee requested email contacts of prior teams who attended our home tourney, which is registered with WYSA. Lisa K. requested the approval to work with Shane Benitz regarding scheduling of tourney games to allow for those girls involved in the Dance With Pam recital that same weekend. This idea was discussed and all board members agreed for Lisa to work with Shane to accommodate these players as much as possible.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report:

Debbie H. shared that Mary Vang has volunteered to coordinate a summer soccer camp with Challenger Sports. We currently do not have a week chosen (although, a later email suggested the week of July 18-22). Debbie agreed to continue her communication with Mary to solidify dates and times. Lisa K. agreed to get Mary's contact number to Debbie. Debbie currently has no official date for opening day, but agreed to send out a general "save the date" email to the membership asking for volunteers to consider working this opening day.

Communication Director's Report:

Renee F. shared those involved in the dueling pianos fundraiser have already been meeting and much has already been planned and details have been ironed out. Tickets will be sold beginning in March and advertisements on social media, our website, and throughout the community has already begun. Larrie shared that he has paid the \$1,000 (**amended*) deposit to the pianists. Renee also asked if any members had heard positive reactions to the newsletter, which several had. She questioned when the next newsletter should be sent out, and many thought that April 1st would be a good date. Also, Kirk W. suggested that the back page of the newsletter list all tourneys for each team, allowing teams and parents the opportunity to watch the games of other players. Ron R. volunteered to reach out to Carson Kipfer to possibly have the club's fee to Sport Engine be reduced.

New Business:

Ron R. shared that the state soccer association would be sending out an FAQ to all soccer parents/families regarding the upcoming rule changes, including age requirements, field size, number of players, and game rules. Nate W. requested that U-10 coaches be allowed to take players to U-11 tourneys (if age requirements are met) at the end of the season to prepare these players for future play. This was discussed and the board agreed that these future tourneys would be coach-driven and that player selection would be made according to age restrictions, player-readiness and interest. A discussion was held regarding a team's selection of its fourth tournament. Both Lisa and Renee cited history of teams selecting expensive tournaments without 100% parent' approval and the inability for players to attend because of financial hardship. Lengthy discussion was held regarding this topic, and the board agreed to reword the club policy to state that a team's fourth tournament must be selected in-state. It was also discussed that, should a team decided to attend a fifth tournament, in or out of state, a coach should have the discretion to field a team of those members interested in playing without backlash from other families. This discussion led to a great need to revisit/revise both the club's mission statement and the club's policy manual. Ron R. agreed to send the entire manual out to board members via Google Docs. Members will review this manual and come back to the March meeting will suggested revisions. At that time, sections of the policy will be given to board members for revision, with the goal of having a new policy manual and mission statement in place by August 1st to ensure its application for the 2016-2017 soccer season. Ron R. also shared that he will be attending the AGM meeting on March 12.

The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 29, 5:30, First Weber Realty. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larrie H. at 8:35, and seconded by Nate W. No discussion. Motion carried.